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TO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

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EXDIS, FOR AMBASSADOR FIRESTONE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CG, BE, MASS

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM SECDEF TO MOD VANDEN BOEYNANTS

1. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR DELIVERING COPY OF TEXT OF LETTER SET FORTH BELOW TO MOD VANDEN BOEYNANTS. LETTER WAS SIGNED BY SECDEF ON 10 JULY.

2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR PAUL: DURING MY VISIT TO ZAIRE, PRESIDENT MOBUTU RAISED ZAIRE'S NEEDS IN THE RENOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF AIRPORT FACILITIES. HE RECALLED THAT IN 1971 BELGIUM HAD OFFERED TO DO THIS WORK IN RETURN FOR USE OF FACILITIES FOR THE TRAINING OF BELGIAN PILOTS. PRESIDENT MOBUTU SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO RENEW EXPLORATION OF SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WITH BRUSSELS. (PARA) PRESIDENT MOBUTU SPECIFICALLY ASKED ME TO RAISE THIS SUBJECT WITH YOU AND I AGREED TO ACT AS INTERMEDIARY IN ORDER TO GET  
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THE BALL ROLLING. (PARA) I WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE PROGRESS

ZAIRE HAS MADE IN IMPROVING ITS DEFENSE CAPABILITIES. I  
WAS EQUALLY IMPRESSED WITH THE DEPTH OF THEIR CONCERN OVER  
POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES WITH SOME OF THEIR NEIGHBORS AND  
THEIR DETERMINATION TO RESIST ANY INCURSIONS. I NEED NOT  
TELL YOU OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ZAIRES TO OVERALL WESTERN

SECURITY. (PARA) YOU MAY OF COURSE PREFER TO RESPOND  
DIRECTLY TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU. HOWEVER, IF YOU WISH, I  
WOULD BE PLEASED TO LET PRESIDENT MOBUTU KNOW WHETHER YOU  
ARE INTERESTED IN RENEWING THESE DISCUSSIONS WITH ZAIRES.  
SINCERELY, (SIGNED) DONALD RUMSFELD. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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